REMARKS

Claims 41 and 42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C §102 as anticipated

by U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0093384 to Durst Jr. et al. while claim 43

has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over the same reference

to Durst.

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections on the grounds that the

present application has a domestic priority date of July 5, 1995 and the earliest

available date for the Durst patent application is May 7, 1997 when provisional

Application No. 60/045,830 was filed. Based on this domestic priority, there is no

need for submitting a certified translation of the foreign priority documents in

order to overcome the outstanding rejection.

As there are no other rejections remaining in this application, applicants

respectfully request the allowance of this application containing claims 41-43.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in

general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this

should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.42160C2).

Respectfully submitted,

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